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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State of South Dakota  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: TC 05- 223 SSTELECOM, INC. AMENDED APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN EXCHANGES SERVED BY QWEST.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

On behalf of SSTELECOM, INC., we file the enclosed AMENDED application for a Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange services in Qwest exchanges in South Dakota. The AMENDED application is to reflect the recent purchase of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative. As requested previously in a letter written to you on December 22, 2005, we also request confidentiality for portions of this application and letter.

The contact for the confidentiality request is as follows:

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Vantage Point Solutions  
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(605) 995-1750

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (605) 995-1750

Sincerely,

Doug Eidahl  
Vice President of Consulting  
Vantage Point Solutions

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED APPLICATION)  
OF SSTELECOM, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO )  
PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE )  
SERVICES IN EXCHANGES SERVED BY QWEST )

Docket No. TC 05-223

**AMENDED APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 49-31-3, 49-31-69 through 49-31-76 and ARSD 20:10:32:03, SSTELECOM, INC. (SSTELECOM) hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange services in South Dakota exchanges served by Qwest. SSTELECOM originally filed its Application in this matter with the Commission on December 23, 2005. On February 1, 2006, SSTELECOM'S parent company Stockholm Strandburg Telephone Company (Stockholm) was acquired by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC). SSTELECOM hereby files this amended Application to fully disclose any ownership and management changes with the Commission. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 in the original Application were impacted and are amended as follows:

1. SSTELECOM is a South Dakota corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Stockholm. Stockholm is now a wholly owned subsidiary of ITC. Applicant's legal name, address, principal office, phone and fax number and e-mail address are:

SSTELECOM, INC.  
312 4<sup>th</sup> Street W.  
P.O. Box 920  
Clear Lake, South Dakota 57226

Phone: (605) 874-2181  
Fax: (605) 874-2014  
Email: jerryhei@itctel.com

2. The following are the directors of SSTELECOM. All may be contacted at the address and contact numbers listed in Section 1:

Joel Brandt – President	Penny Krause
Roxanne Kerkvliet - Secretary	Rodney Renaas
Warren Brandlee – Treasurer	Luverne Crosser
Robert Even - Vice President	Merlyn Wookey
Melvin Johnson	Richard Schiley
Cliff Ruesink	

4. SSTELECOM's principal office is stated in Section 1. SSTELECOM's current registered agent is Todd Boyd whose business address is 415 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, P.O. Box 977, Clear Lake, SD 57226. ITC is a cooperative so no shareholders of SSTELECOM own twenty percent or more of an interest in the business.

5. ITC entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger under which Stockholm and SSTELECOM are now wholly-owned subsidiaries of ITC effective February 1, 2006. Stockholm and SSTELECOM continue to exist as separate companies, but will be under the ownership, management, and operational control of ITC. ITC will provide any information that may be required by the Commission on this transaction.

7. All parts of this section remain the same except that SSTELECOM will utilize ITC's switch for Milbank dial tone.

9. Stockholm and ITC already have a long history of providing telecommunications services with a high customer satisfaction level. From this long history of service, its directors, management and staff already possess the technical competence to provide the requested services herein.

10. ITC General Manager, Jerry Heiberger, will lead the SSTELECOM management team. Mr. Heiberger has over 26 years of experience from 1980 to 2006 in management. He has attended numerous technical workshops, seminars and industry training over his 26 year career. ITC Network Operations Manager, Ren Preheim, will also lead the SSTELECOM

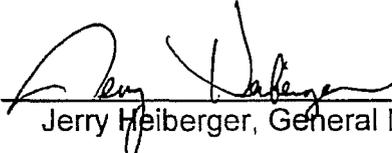
management team. Mr. Preheim has over 19 years of experience from 1987 to 2006 in management. ITC's Support Services Manager, Jim Canaan will also lead the SSTELECOM management team. Mr. Canaan has over 10 years of experience from 1996 to 2006 in Telecommunications. He has attended numerous technical workshops, seminars and industry training over his 10 year career. Tim Nowick and Wayne Nowick have been directors of Stockholm since 1990, and 1997 respectively, and will continue to be a part of the key operations staff of SSTELECOM. Harold and Marge Nowick will be involved for some time as a transition, but plan to retire at some time during 2006. The remainder of the management team will be determined in 2006. The SSTELECOM management team will be assisted as needed by Stockholm and ITC's staff.

WHEREFORE, SSTELECOM consistent with the amendments herein and its original Application, hereby requests that the Commission enter an order granting a certificate of authority to SSTELECOM to provide competitive local exchange services in Qwest's South Dakota exchanges; and

FURTHERMORE, that SSTELECOM, INC. hereby petitions the Commission that it be granted an exemption from developing company specific cost based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 and that its switched access rates shall be determined consistent with ARSD 20:10:27:12 for a period of three years.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February, 2006

SSTELECOM, INC.

By: 

Jerry Heiberger, General Manager